

## Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 7

Meeting Date: October 13, 2006

Meeting Location: Blackford County Courthouse Annex, Hartford

City, IN.

**Council Members Present**: Judge Bade, Betty Lyons, Steve Cox, Chuck Osterholt, George Herman, Pat Ergle, Deb McGriff-Tharp, Harriet Weekly, Marilyn Scales

**Council Members Absent**: Judge Hutchison and Judge Dailey

**Others In Attendance**: Dan Ahrens and Ryan Rhoades from Meridian Services; Nicole Shivley, Scott Noel and Tracey Riggle from Whites Family Services; Rodney Barbee from Wernle and Deanna Reece from Family Services Society

## **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order at: 1:10 PM

- 1. Tracy Hopkins, State DCS Practice Reform Consultant presented the Practice Reform Powerpoint presentation to the Council. Tracy did an excellent job hard copies were made available to Council members.
- 2. Meridian Services presented an update on the Community Partners for Child Safety. They will be presenting a report at each Council meeting.
- 3. Regional Manager reviewed the Protocol for Development of the Regional Strategic Plan. See Handout.
- 4. Regional Manager presented the Protocol for Expenditures and Plan Development for 2007. See Handout. Discussion was held regarding asking BSU Social Science Research Center to assist with the Plan. Regional Manager will contact them for interest.
- 5. Council was asked to review several documents for the Strategic Plan. Those provided were: 2006 Child Welfare Services Account Summary for Region 7; Form 660 for Title IV-B, Part I and II, SSBG funds; Service Standards a thru y

with Regional summary by County; and Region 7 summary of various funding resources.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time**: December 12, 2006 at the same location.

Meeting Adjourned at: 2:00 PM.